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Year 6 Spring Curriculum Letter

Happy New Year!

Mengham Junior School



We have completed our first term as year 6s and we are all very well settled into the top of the school. However, the fun has only just begun...

English

Our first unit of work for the spring term will be based around the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will be learning the story of Bess and The Highwayman and using it to inspire our own writing. In guided reading, we will be enjoying 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, which we will also use as a hook to practise our writing skills. Towards the end of the term, we will be reading and enjoying another book by Louis Sachar called 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'.

Maths

The spring term will consist of revisiting and practising all our maths skills. We will do this through continued fluency and problem solving. We will continue to practise our arithmetic skills daily in preparation for SATs. The year 6 teachers can't stress enough how important it is for children to be practising their times tables every day in order that children can use these skills to be able to solve a variety of other problems and calculations.

Science

In science this half term, we will be looking at developing an understanding of evolution and natural selection including Darwin's discovery of the process. Next half term, we are going to have an exciting time investigating the forces of gravity, friction and air resistance inspired by the rollercoaster workshop at Paultons Park. Look out for a letter later this term regarding this trip.

Other subjects

The year 6 curriculum is bursting at the seams! There is still so much more to look forward to! From our design technology textile unit, to thinking about the decisions we might have to make when we are older, the children will have so much to tell you about!

Geography: Eastern Europe

Computing: Micro bit

R.E.: Ritual and Sacrifice

P.D.L.: The world of work and taking responsibility for our safety

Music: Listen to Me—Ukelele

P.E.: Hockey and Gym

DT: Upcycling jeans into shopper bags

Home Learning / Revision

Year 6 online home learning is now replaced with SATs revision. It is up to your child to decide which areas they need to focus on in maths and English. Some of the methods you might choose to help your child revise could be:

- SATs revision guides with questions and answers. (These are still available through the school office for a very reasonable charge).
- BBC Bitesize website (www.bbc.com/bitesize)
- My Maths (username: mengham, password: square14)
- Spelling Frame
- Times Tables Rock Stars
- Numbots

There is an expectation to complete **30 + minutes a week**, which will be monitored weekly by your child's class teacher. A **reward trip** to Queen Elizabeth Country Park will be offered to those who have made a significant effort with their revision.



Other Notices

Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school **Monday—Friday** in case our P.E. day changes.

Key Events & Dates for Year 6

P.E.: Mondays and Thursdays

Willow Class Assembly: Friday 2nd February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

Half term 12th-16th February

INSET: Thursday 28th March

Parents' evenings: Monday 4th and Wednesday 6th March

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

DT Challenge Day: Tuesday 26th March

Easter Holidays 3rd —14th April

INSET: Monday 17th April